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Return

Case No.: 8:23-MJ-00238-DUTY	Date and time warrant executed: 4/28/23 / 1:37 PM	Copy of warrant and inventory left with: USPS
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Inventory made in the presence of :

Officer M. Contreras

Inventory of the property taken and name of any person(s) seized:

EI 042 186 527 US
\$11,750 U.S. Currency
Parcel wrappings

EJ 865 788 986 US
\$23,540
Parcel wrappings

EI 163 804 599 US
Nothing seized

EI 536 305 498 US
Nothing seized

EI 277 760 771 US
Nothing seized

EI 667 207 811 US
\$12,800 U.S. Currency
Parcel wrappings

EI 559 461 434 US
\$7,200 U.S. Currency
Parcel wrappings

EI 667 206 609 US
\$5,500 U.S. Currency
Parcel wrappings

EI 485 915 555 US
\$26,650 U.S. Currency
Parcel wrappings

Certification

I declare under penalty of perjury that this inventory is correct and was returned along with the original warrant to the designated judge.

Date: 5/6/23

Z. Sumpter

Executing officer's signature

USPIS TFO Z. Sumpter

Printed name and title

ATTACHMENT A

PARCELS TO BE SEARCHED

SUBJECT PARCELS 1 through 9 (collectively the "SUBJECT PARCELS") which are currently secured at the USPIS Task Force Office located at the Chino Police Station, 5450 Guardian Way, Chino, California:

a. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 042 186 527 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is a brown colored, large-sized cardboard box addressed to "Nick Martinez, 19744 beach blvd, #224, Huntington Beach, CA 92648." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is "Elisabeth Borkowski, 3305 hunting hills Dr, Lexington KY, 40515." SUBJECT PARCEL 1 was postmarked on April 20, 2023, in the 40517 ZIP code.

b. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EJ 865 788 986 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is a brown colored, large-sized cardboard box addressed to "Nick Martinez, 19744 Beach Blvd, #224, Huntington Beach, CA 92648." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is "Renee Smith, P.O. Box 145, white Springs, FL, 32096." SUBJECT PARCEL 2 was postmarked on April 20, 2023, in the 32096 ZIP code.

c. SUBJECT PARCEL 3 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 163 804 599 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 3 is a white colored, USPS Flat Rate Envelope addressed to "Abraham Melgar, Victor Lundquist, 1519 Camino Reservado, San Clemente, CA 92673-3650." The return

address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 3 is "Norma Pineda, 5604 Monarch Dr, Fort Wayne IN 46806." SUBJECT PARCEL 3 was postmarked on April 19, 2023, in the 46815 ZIP code.

d. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 536 305 498 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is a pink colored, medium-sized Amazon cardboard box addressed to "CU Receiving, P.O. Box 6180, Newport Beach, CA 92658." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is "Alex Zambito, 112 Geldner Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10306." SUBJECT PARCEL 4 was postmarked on April 17, 2023, in the 10309 ZIP code.

e. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 277 760 771 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is a brown colored, medium-sized Home Depot cardboard box addressed to "Eva M. Guerrero, 8434 Tweedy Ln., Apto 105 Downey, CA 90240." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is "Jesus Rodriguez, 10622 NW 6th Ave, Miami FL 33150." SUBJECT PARCEL 5 was postmarked on April 20, 2023, in the 33002 ZIP code.

f. SUBJECT PARCEL 6 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 667 207 811 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 6 is a brown colored, medium-sized cardboard box addressed to "Andrew Lan, 410E Hellman Ave, Unit E Monterey Park, CA 91755." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 6 is "Macik Williams, 1243 Westland Blvd, Orlando FL 32828." SUBJECT PARCEL 6 was postmarked on April 20, 2023, in the 32828 ZIP code.

g. SUBJECT PARCEL 7 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 559 461 434 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 7 is a white colored, USPS Large Flat Rate Box addressed to "Ashley Cam, 2540 Plaza Del Amo, Torrance, CA 90503." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 7 is "Monica Terry, 2968 Watersview Cir, Orange Park, FL 32703." SUBJECT PARCEL 7 was postmarked on April 23, 2023, in the 32244 ZIP code.

h. SUBJECT PARCEL 8 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 667 206 609 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 8 is a brown colored, large-sized cardboard box addressed to "A. Dylan, 4470 W. Sunset Blvd, Suite 107 #628, Los Angeles, CA 90027." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 8 is "Jamal Notman, 13452 Whistling Park Rd, Orlando Fl, 32832." SUBJECT PARCEL 8 was postmarked on April 20, 2023, in the 32828 ZIP code.

i. SUBJECT PARCEL 9 is a United States Postal Service Priority Mail Express parcel bearing tracking number EI 485 915 555 US. SUBJECT PARCEL 9 is a brown colored, medium-sized ReadyPost box addressed to "E Romain, 3150 wilshire blvd, PH09, Los Angeles, CA 90010." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 9 is "Tony Pacheco, 6342 Edgemont cir N 55428, Minneapolis, MN." SUBJECT PARCEL 9 was postmarked on April 18, 2023, in the 55403 ZIP code.

ATTACHMENT B

ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

1. The following are the items to be seized from SUBJECT PARCELS 1 through 9, which constitute the fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) (Distribution and Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance) and 843(b) (Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility (including the mails) to Facilitate the Distribution of a Controlled Substance):

- a. Any controlled substances, including marijuana;
- b. Currency, money orders, bank checks, or similar monetary instruments in aggregate quantities over \$1,000; and
- c. Any associated packaging.

AFFIDAVIT

I, Zachary Sumpter, being duly sworn, declare and state as follows:

I. TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

1. I am a Task Force Officer ("TFO") with the United States Postal Inspection Service ("USPIS") and have been so since November 2021. I am currently assigned as a TFO to the Contraband Interdiction and Investigations South Team of the Los Angeles Division, which is responsible for investigating drug trafficking involving the United States Mail. Accordingly, I am an "investigative or law enforcement officer" of the United States within the meaning of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2510(7). Specifically, I am an officer of the United States empowered by law to conduct investigations of, and to make arrests for, offenses enumerated in Title 18, United States Code, Section 2516. Prior to being assigned as a TFO with the USPIS, I worked patrol as a full-time sworn law enforcement officer with the Chino Police Department. I have been a sworn law enforcement officer since August 2013. I am a Police Officer within the meaning of California Penal Code § 830.1.

2. I have received training and have experience investigating violations of state and federal narcotics and money laundering laws, including, but not limited to Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841, 846, 952, 959 and 963 and Title 18, United States Code, Section 1956(a). I have been involved in various electronic surveillance methods including state and federal wiretap investigations, the debriefing of

informants and witnesses, as well as others who have knowledge of the manufacturing, distribution, transportation, storage, and importation of controlled substances and the laundering of drug proceeds.

3. I have participated in many aspects of drug investigations, including investigations into the smuggling of illegal drugs, money laundering, and extortion related to drug trafficking. I am familiar with narcotics traffickers' methods of operation, including the manufacturing, storage, transportation, and distribution of narcotics, the collection of money that represents the proceeds of narcotics trafficking, and money laundering. I am also familiar with the manner in which narcotics traffickers transport and distribute narcotics in areas they control. I am familiar with how drug traffickers utilize counter-surveillance techniques to avoid detection by law enforcement. I also know that drug traffickers often communicate with their drug-trafficking associates through the use of cellular telephones. I have become aware that more sophisticated drug trafficking networks now utilize the dark web, Voice over Internet Protocol, video chat, internet messaging services, and social networking sites to communicate with one another. During drug-related communications, traffickers often use coded or cryptic language to disguise the drug-related nature of their conversations.

II. PURPOSE OF AFFIDAVIT

4. This affidavit is made in support of a search warrant for the SUBJECT PARCELS described below in paragraph 6 and

Attachment A, for the items listed in paragraph 7 and Attachment B. The items to be seized constitute the fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) (Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance) and 843(b) (Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility (including the mails) to Facilitate the Distribution of a Controlled Substance).

5. The facts set forth in this affidavit are based upon my personal observations, my training and experience, and information obtained from various law enforcement personnel and witnesses. The affidavit is intended to show merely that there is sufficient probable cause for the requested warrant and does not purport to set forth all of my knowledge of or investigation into this matter. Unless specifically indicated otherwise, all conversations and statements described in this affidavit are related in substance and in part only.

III. PARCELS TO BE SEARCHED

6. This affidavit is made in support of an application for a search warrant for the following nine United States Postal Service ("USPS") Priority Mail Express parcels (hereinafter referred to as the "SUBJECT PARCELS"). All the SUBJECT PARCELS are currently secured at the USPIS Task Force Office located at the Chino Police Station, 5450 Guardian Way, Chino, California:

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blvd, #224, Huntington Beach, CA 92648." The return address listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is "Elisabeth Borkowski, 3305 hunting hills Dr, Lexington KY, 40515." SUBJECT PARCEL 1 was postmarked on April 20, 2023, in the 40517 ZIP code.

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IV. ITEMS TO BE SEIZED

7. The items to be seized from the SUBJECT PARCELS constitute fruits, instrumentalities, and evidence of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) (Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance) and 843(b) (Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility (including the mail) to Facilitate the Distribution of a Controlled Substance). The items to be seized are identified in Attachment B and are incorporated herein by reference.

V. STATEMENT OF PROBABLE CAUSE

A. Background

8. As described in detail below, the SUBJECT PARCELS are all inbound parcels to the greater Orange County and Los Angeles area from multiple regions of the United States and were selected for investigation because they met certain criteria common to packages containing contraband. The SUBJECT PARCELS are believed to contain controlled substances or the proceeds from the trafficking of controlled substances based on, among other things, positive alerts by a trained narcotics-detection canine.

9. Based on my training and discussions with experienced Postal Inspectors, I know that Postal Inspectors have been conducting investigations of drug trafficking via USPS Express Mail and Priority Mail since the mid-1980s. In particular, they began conducting organized interdictions of Express Mail and Priority Mail parcels suspected of containing controlled substances and proceeds from the sale of controlled substances in Los Angeles, California, in the early 1990s. Along with conducting organized interdictions, Postal Inspectors also regularly examine and investigate Express Mail and Priority Mail parcels throughout the year. During the 1990s, Postal Inspectors observed that the trend was for drug traffickers to send controlled substances and proceeds from the sale of controlled substances using boxes, with the proceeds in the form of cash. Although Postal Inspectors still see the use of boxes for controlled substances and cash, there has been a gradual

change over the years toward the current trend of smaller boxes, flat cardboard envelopes, and Tyvek envelopes, with proceeds from the sale of controlled substances converted to money orders. By using money orders, drug traffickers are able to send large dollar amounts in compact form, using much smaller conveyances that lend a sense of legitimacy to the parcel.

10. From my training, personal experience, and the collective experiences related to me by Postal Inspectors on my team who specialize in investigations relating to the mailing of controlled substances and drug proceeds, I am aware that the greater Los Angeles area is a major source area for controlled substances. As such, controlled substances are frequently transported from the greater Los Angeles area via the United States Mail, and the proceeds from the sale of the controlled substances are frequently returned to the greater Los Angeles area via the United States Mail. These proceeds are generally in large amounts of money over \$1,000.

11. I also know based on my training and experience that drug traffickers will often use one of two USPS services -- Priority Mail Express Service, which is the overnight/next day delivery mail service, and Priority Mail Service, which is the two-to-three day delivery mail service. Drug traffickers use Priority Mail Express delivery services because of their speed, reliability, and the ability to track the package's progress to the intended delivery point. Drug traffickers often use Priority Mail delivery services because they allow drug traffickers more time for travel between states if they are

following their shipments to their destinations for distribution. Like Priority Mail Express, Priority Mail also allows drug traffickers to track the package's progress to the intended delivery point.

12. Based on information derived and built upon over many years, I, like other Postal Inspectors and Task Force Officers, initially look for certain characteristics when examining Priority Mail Express and Priority Mail for controlled substances or drug proceeds. These characteristics include:

a. The article is contained in a box, flat cardboard mailer, or Tyvek envelope;

b. The article bears a handwritten label; and/or

c. The handwritten label on the article does not contain a business account number.

13. Parcels found to meet these characteristics are scrutinized by Postal Inspectors and Task Force Officers through further investigation, which may include return and addressee address verifications and trained narcotics-detecting canine examination. Postal Inspectors and Task Force Officers will also look for additional drug or drug proceed parcel characteristics such as:

a. The seams of the article are taped or glued shut;

b. The article emits the odor of a cleaning agent, adhesive, or spray foam, detectable by a human; and/or

c. Multiple articles are mailed to the same individual, on the same day, from different locations.

14. Based on my training and experiences and information learned during discussions with Postal Inspectors, I know that drug traffickers often use fictitious or incomplete names and/or addresses in an effort to conceal their identity from law enforcement. Indeed, it is my experience that when real addresses are used, it is only to lend a legitimate appearance to the parcel and is almost always paired with a false name.

B. Investigation of the SUBJECT PARCELS

15. Between April 18, 2023, and April 21, 2023, during routine parcel inspections at the City of Industry USPS Processing and Distribution Center, the SUBJECT PARCELS were identified as meeting some of the initial suspicious characteristics described above in paragraph 12.

16. Upon inspecting the SUBJECT PARCELS, I observed that the parcels were each consistent with the size, shape, and appearance of parcels previously identified in other investigations that contained controlled substances or drug proceeds. Furthermore, SUBJECT PARCELS 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 were all mailed from a postal facility inconsistent with the zip code listed for the sender. Based on my training and experience, I know that drug traffickers will often mail parcels from postal facilities other than those which are located in their respective ZIP code to attempt to disguise themselves as being associated with the parcel.

17. After being identified, each SUBJECT PARCEL was removed from the mail stream and additional investigation was conducted.

18. The SUBJECT PARCELS are currently in the custody of the USPIIS and secured at the USPIIS Task Force Office located at the Chino Police Station, 5450 Guardian Way, Chino, California, 91710, pending a search of their contents pursuant to obtaining a search warrant.

C. Investigation of SUBJECT PARCELS Using Accurint Database Checks

19. On April 25, 2023, I examined the SUBJECT PARCELS and conducted an Accurint¹ database check using the sender and recipient information listed on the SUBJECT PARCELS and learned the following:

a. SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is wrapped in blue and white USPS tape on its center seam and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 1 is associated with the listed sender "Elisabeth Borkowski." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "Nick Martinez," is not associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 1.

b. SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is wrapped in clear tape on its top seam and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 2 is not associated

¹ ACCURINT is a public information database used by law enforcement that collects personal identifying information like names, addresses and telephone numbers.

with the listed sender "Renee Smith." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "Nick Martinez," is not associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 2.

c. SUBJECT PARCEL 3 is wrapped in blue and white USPS tape on its top seam and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 3 is associated with the listed sender "Victor Lundquist." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "Norma Pineda," is associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 3.

d. SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is wrapped in copious amounts of clear tape and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 4 is not associated with the listed sender "CU Receiving." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "Alex Zambito," is associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 4.

e. SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is wrapped in blue and white USPS tape and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 5 is associated

with the listed sender "Jesus Rodriguez." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "Eva M. Guerrero," is not associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 5.

f. SUBJECT PARCEL 6 is wrapped in copious amounts of clear tape and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 6 is not associated with the listed sender "Macik Williams." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "Andrew Lan," is not associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 6.

g. SUBJECT PARCEL 7 is wrapped in clear tape and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 7 is not associated with the listed sender "Monica Terry." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "Ashley Cam," is not associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 7.

h. SUBJECT PARCEL 8 is wrapped in multicolor eBay tape and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 8 is not associated with the listed sender "Jamal Notman." Based on an Accurint

database check, the listed recipient, "A. Dylan," is not associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 8.

i. SUBJECT PARCEL 9 is wrapped in clear and white USPS tape and has a handwritten label in ink, which based on my training and experience is common in parcels used by narcotic traffickers. According to Accurint database records, the return address information listed on SUBJECT PARCEL 9 is not associated with the listed sender "Tony Pacheco." Based on an Accurint database check, the listed recipient, "E Romain," is not associated with the listed recipient address on SUBJECT PARCEL 9.

D. Positive Canine Alert on the SUBJECT PARCELS

20. On April 25, 2023, El Monte Police Department Officer Adam Girgle and his certified narcotics-detection canine, "Rico", conducted an exterior examination of each of the SUBJECT PARCELS 1 through 9. The exterior examinations were conducted separately. Officer Girgle informed me that Rico gave a positive alert to each of the SUBJECT PARCELS 1 through 9, indicating the presence of controlled substances or other items that emitted the odor of controlled substances, in the SUBJECT PARCELS. Attached hereto as Exhibit 1, which I incorporate fully herein by reference, is a document setting forth information provided by Officer Girgle regarding Rico's training and history in detecting controlled substances, and examination of SUBJECT PARCELS 1 through 9.

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VI. CONCLUSION

21. Based on the above, I believe there is probable cause to believe that the items listed in Attachment B, which constitute evidence, fruits and instrumentalities of violations of Title 21, United States Code, Sections 841(a)(1) (Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance) and 843(b) (Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility (including the mails) to Facilitate the Distribution of a Controlled Substance) will be found in the SUBJECT PARCELS, as described in Attachment A.

Attested to by the applicant in
accordance with the requirements
of Fed. R. Crim. P. 4.1 by
telephone on this 28 day of
April 2023.



HONORABLE JOHN D. EARLY
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

EXHIBIT 1

AFFIDAVIT

I, Officer Adam Girgle, being duly sworn, declare and state as follows:

I have been a Police Officer with the El Monte Police Department since December of 2003. I have handled and/or assisted with hundreds of narcotics investigations. I have assisted Federal and State narcotics task forces with large scale narcotics investigations. I graduated from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Academy in May of 2001. I attended the Adlerhorst Police Canine Handler course in August of 2016.

I also attended the Adlerhorst Canine Narcotics Detection course in November of 2017. During these courses, my police canine partner Rico and I received 240 hours of instruction in the detection of the odor of illegal narcotics. During these courses, I personally observed my police canine partner Rico alert to the presence of the odor of illegal narcotics. My police canine partner Rico was certified to alert to the presence of marijuana, methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. My police canine partner and I receive yearly certification from the Los Angeles County Police Canine Association in apprehension and narcotics detection. My police canine partner and I last certified in September 2022.

I am familiar and knowledgeable in the behaviors my police canine partner Rico engages in when he detects the presence of the odor of illegal narcotics. I conduct continual training with my police canine partner Rico by hiding various narcotics in different locations such as buildings, vehicles, bags, parcels and in open areas. This training includes proofing canine Rico on odors such as plastic, boxes, latex, tape, metal, currency (circulated and uncirculated), parcel packaging material, glass pipes and food. I also proof canine Rico of my human odor. This training is on-going and continual.

On April 25, 2023, my police canine partner and I assisted with a narcotic parcel investigation. Canine Rico alerted to the presence of the odor of illegal narcotics emitting from the following parcels.

USPS Parcel: EI 042 186 527 US (Parcel 1)
Addressed To: Nick Martinez
19744 Beach Blvd. # 244
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

USPS Parcel: EJ 865 788 986 US (Parcel 2)
Addressed To: Nick Martinez
19744 Beach Blvd. # 224
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

USPS Parcel: EI 163 804 599 US (Parcel 3)
Addressed To: Victor Lundquist
1519 Camino Reservado
San Clemente, CA 92673-3650

USPS Parcel: EI 536 305 498 US (Parcel 4)
Addressed To: CU Receiving
P.O. Box 6180
Newport Beach, CA 92658

USPS Parcel: EI 277 760 771 US (Parcel 5)
Addressed To: Eva M. Guerrero
8434 Tweedy Ln. Apt. 105
Downey, CA 90240

USPS Parcel: EI 667 207 811 US (Parcel 6)
Addressed To: Andrew Lam
410 E. Hellman Ave. Unit E
Monterey Park, CA 91755

USPS Parcel: EI 559 461 434 US (Parcel 7)
Addressed To: Ashley Cam
2540 Plaza Del Amo
Torrance, CA 90503

USPS Parcel: EI 667 206 609 US (Parcel 8)
Addressed To: A. Dylan
4470 W. Sunset Blvd. Suite 17 # 628
Los Angeles, CA 90027

USPS Parcel: EI 485 915 555 US (Parcel 9)
Addressed To: E. Romain
3150 Wilshire Blvd. PH09
Los Angeles, CA 90010

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct and that this declaration is executed at City of Industry, California, on April 25, 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'E. Romain', written in a cursive style.